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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with David Martin of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee Staff on 20 July 1972

1. The morning of 20 July 1972, [redacted] (Deputy Chief, DDP/NARCOG) and I, accompanied by John Maury, Legislative Counsel, met in one of the Senate office buildings with David Martin, member of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Martin just recently returned from a trip, together with retired Marine General Lewis Walt and Houston lawyer H. Wayne Gillies, to the Far East, South Asia, Middle East, Europe, and Mexico to look at the narcotics problem. Before the trip, [redacted] and I gave Martin and the others a lengthy briefing on the world opium situation, and the 20 July session was a sort of follow-on to this.

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2. Martin stated that Walt will be a very forceful witness. He indicated that Walt will be testifying shortly after Labor Day. Martin did much of the talking at the 20 July session and by no means covered his entire trip. (He said he would like to have another half day with us, and arrangements have since been made for another session with Martin the morning of 26 July.) On the question of whether the US can lick the drug epidemic, Martin indicated he believes we can with good law enforcement. He spent some time on the Japanese experience, and indicated that some BNDD people "envy" Japanese law-enforcement authorities in that Japanese law allows a 23-day period for interrogation of arrestees. He said we (the US) did a "lousy" job on drugs on Okinawa, but he indicated a belief the Japanese will do some cleaning up there. Much of the rest

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of the session was spent on Southeast Asia and the comments made to Martin and the others by various people including a Thai Prince (Phisadet Ratchani). The prince said that a lot of Meo villagers had not been able to sell their opium, and the prince had about 25 villages on rice relief. Martin thinks that the Thai government is motivated, and that effective action on the villages and crop substitution will take a three-way (Thai-UN-US) program.

3. Martin said he would like more information on refineries in the Tachilek area. He said he had been told that 17-odd groups used the services of three refineries and he would like a run-down on these groups. He expressed interest in whether the three refineries are run on a cooperative basis, and he asked whether there is a "Chinese syndicate." Martin also expressed interest in having a map showing the opium-growing areas, and also showing the road being constructed down through Laos from China. [] undertook to provide the requested material, which Martin wanted by early August.

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4. Martin expressed considerable interest in the question of overhead photography for the detection of poppies, and in the question of whether we are doing enough in this field.

5. At Mr. Maury's instruction, I took to the 20 July session a set of our intelligence memoranda on international narcotics matters. These were given to Mr. Martin, and Mr. Maury reiterated to Martin the general ground rules for such (i.e., Martin may use these for his own information, but if he wishes to make other use of the material, he should check with Mr. Maury's office to determine whether the classified material can be declassified or sanitized or put to the desired use.) A list of the classified documents lent to Mr. Martin is attached.

6. Also provided Mr. Martin at this session was a copy of the newly printed World Opium Survey 1972. This is an unclassified document being published under the CCINC label. Martin was informed that he was getting an advance copy. (On 21 July Walter Minnick of the White House Staff told me that they would like to hold up distribution of the new World

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Opium Survey until the next meeting of the CCINC; this CCINC meeting had been scheduled for 24 July but was now put off for about two weeks. I asked Mr. Maury to inform Martin that the distribution of the Survey was being delayed and that Martin should keep his copy close. Mr. Maury undertook to do this.)

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DDI Coordinator On
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Attachment

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